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AIR MAIL

Mr. C. L. Risso-Gill,
The Associated Ethyl Co., Ltd.,
Paseo Colon, 285,
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dear Charlie:

Because of my preoccupation with other matters as well as a short vacation out of town, your recent letters have gone unanswered.

With respect to the use of terneplate in the fabrication of gasoline cans, it may very well introduce an important factor in the effects of the general use of these cans for all manner of purposes. There is no doubt that the terneplate will introduce lead into water and other edible materials, particularly those that have some solvent effect, such as fruit juice and the like. It is unfortunate, therefore, that it has been necessary to make this change. I know of nothing that can be done about it, except disseminating information about it whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself. I am certainly glad you have called this point to my attention. I shall remember it and call attention to it whenever it is possible to do so.

With reference to the refilling of gas mask canisters by Trinidad Leaseholds or any of your other companies, I see no reason why this should not be done if and when there is adequate information on the quality, that is, the adsorbing capacity of the charcoal. As you are doubtless aware, the charcoal used in masks in this country is subjected to rather careful testing, and must meet definite specifications. So long as satisfactory charcoal is used, it makes very little difference to me where it comes from, and in these troublesome times we cannot afford to be picayunish about minor details. In general, however, it would be my opinion that in normal times it would be wise to stick to a standard product.

With reference to the new mixing plant of Compañia de Petroleo Ganso Azul and the medical arrangements therefor, I am in quite agreement with the plan you have suggested and will write Dr.

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Acedo. Some little time will probably be required for the receipt of information, but I will send the necessary material to the New York office with the request that they transmit it to you. This is for the reason that as an individual I have no permit for the transmission of scientific information and the like out of the country.

I am always glad to hear from you. I hope that things are going along well both in business and personal matters.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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